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1. PRINCIPAL ISSUE IN PORTUGUESE-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS, FROM THIS OPTIC, IS DEGREE TO WHICH BRAZIL WILL IN THE FUTURE (A) SUPPORT GOP "STAY PUT" POLICY IN AFRICA; (B) PRESS PORTUGAL TO MOVE FASTER ON EVOLUTIONARY PATH TOWARD COMMONWEALTH ARRANGEMENTS OR INDEPENDENCE; OR (C) SCRAP SUPPORT OF PORTUGAL AND TAKE PODIUM BEFORE THIRD WORLD IN LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA.

2. AS POINT OF DEPARTURE WE SUGGEST GEN. SPINOLA'S BOOK "PORTUGAL AND THE FUTURE" (LISBON 0778 TO DEPARTMENT, REPEATED BRASILIA). WHILE COPIES MAY NOT YET BE WIDELY AVAILABLE, WE ASSUME GOB HAS LOOKED AT BROAD POLICY OUTLINES OF BOOK, AND WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN REACTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, SPINOLA SAID UNLESS GOP ABANDONS IMMOBILISM AND ADOPTS POLICY AIMED AT FEDERAL SYSTEM AND ALLOWING EVEN INDEPENDENCE, GOP WILL INDEED BE ABANDONED BY ITS FRIENDS.

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